



AND THIS  
DAMN INJURY  
KEEPS ME  
FROM MOVING!

ROMAN CAMP,  
INFIRMARY.

ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF TRIBIA,  
HANNIBAL'S  
ARMY NOW  
COUNTS AROUND  
40 000 MEN!

OUR DEFEAT  
HAS LED  
OUR GALIC  
MERCENA-  
RIES TO  
DEFECT...



WE HAVE  
TO FACE  
THE FACTS.

OUR  
TROOPS WERE  
DECI-MATED.

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NOW, NOW,  
LET'S NOT  
BE CYNICAL.







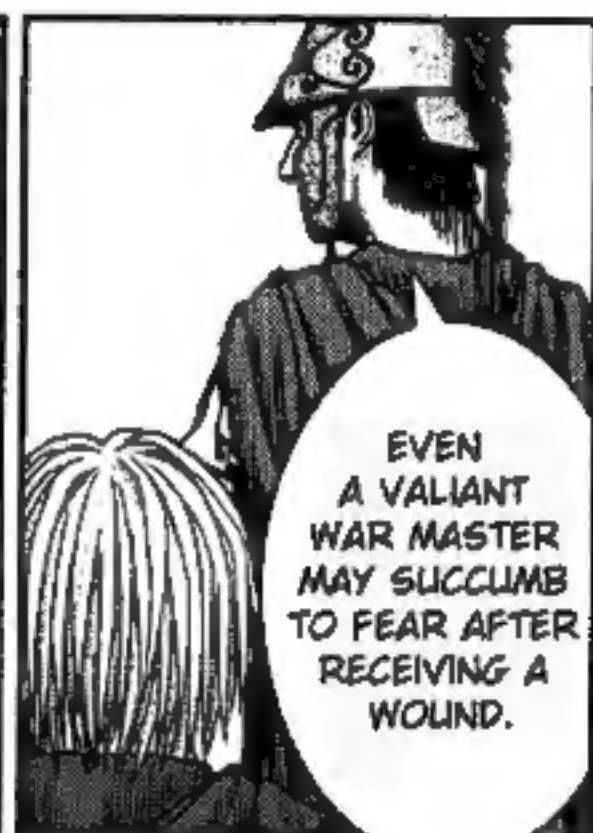
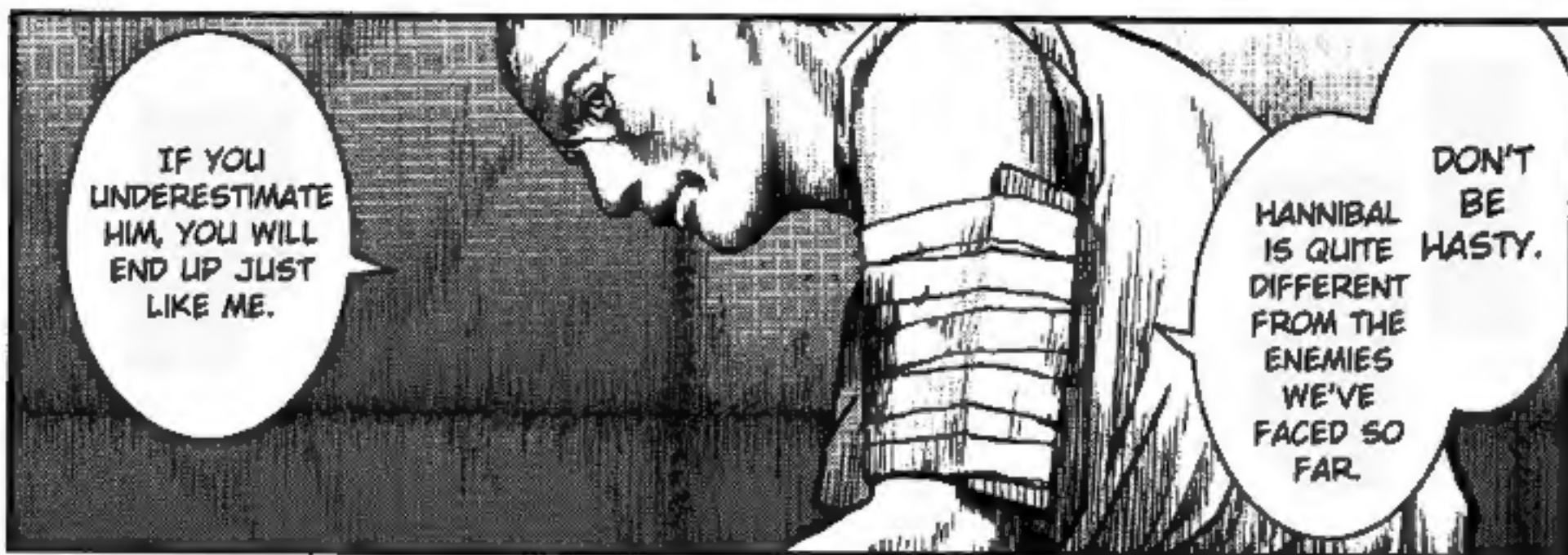
THERE IS  
NOTHING  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT.

WITH THE  
REINFORCEMENT  
OF MY ARMY OF  
SICILY, WE POSSESS  
AN EQUAL NUMBER  
OF MEN.

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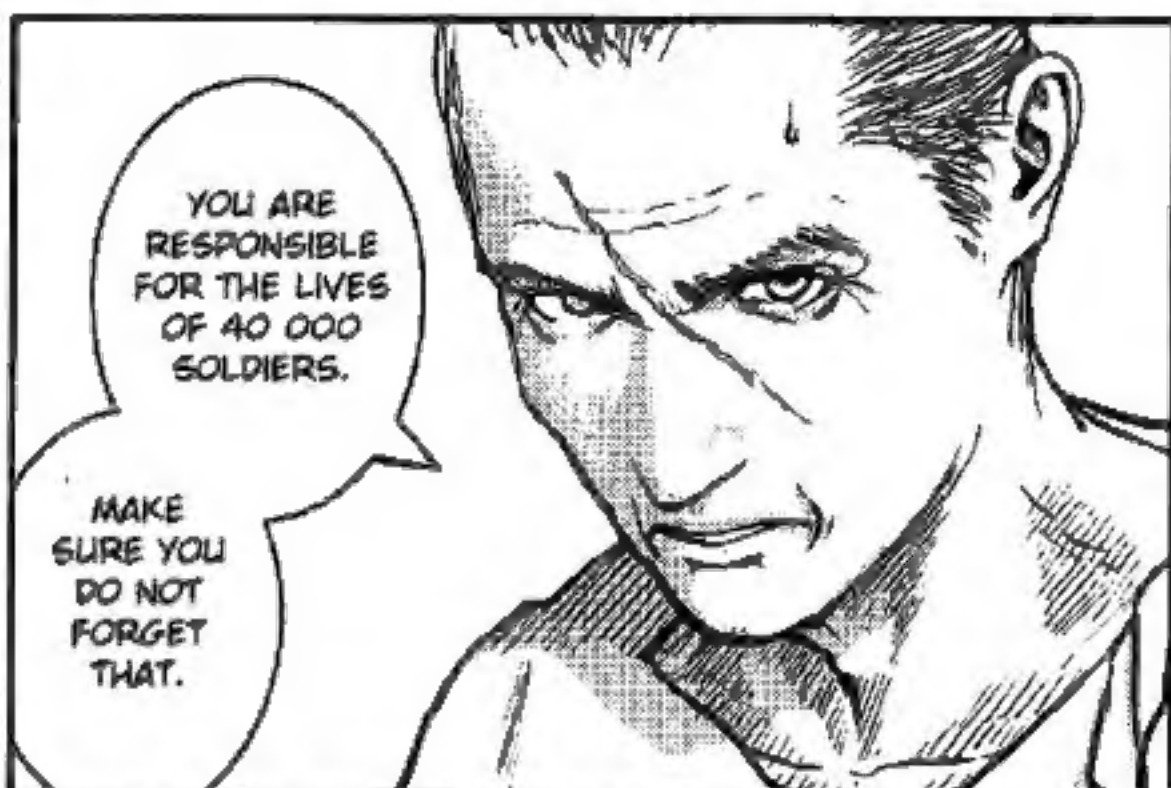




MY APOLOGIES,  
MY WORDS  
HAVE OUTRAN  
MY THOUGHTS.

IT IS THE LAW;  
AN INCAPACITATED  
CONSUL WHO  
CANNOT TAKE  
COMMAND MUST BE  
REPLACED BY ONE  
OF HIS PEERS.

IN ANY CASE,  
SCIPIO, IT'S ME  
WHO'S LEADING  
THE BOAT NOW!



YOU ARE  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE LIVES  
OF 40 000  
SOLDIERS.

MAKE  
SURE YOU  
DO NOT  
FORGET  
THAT.

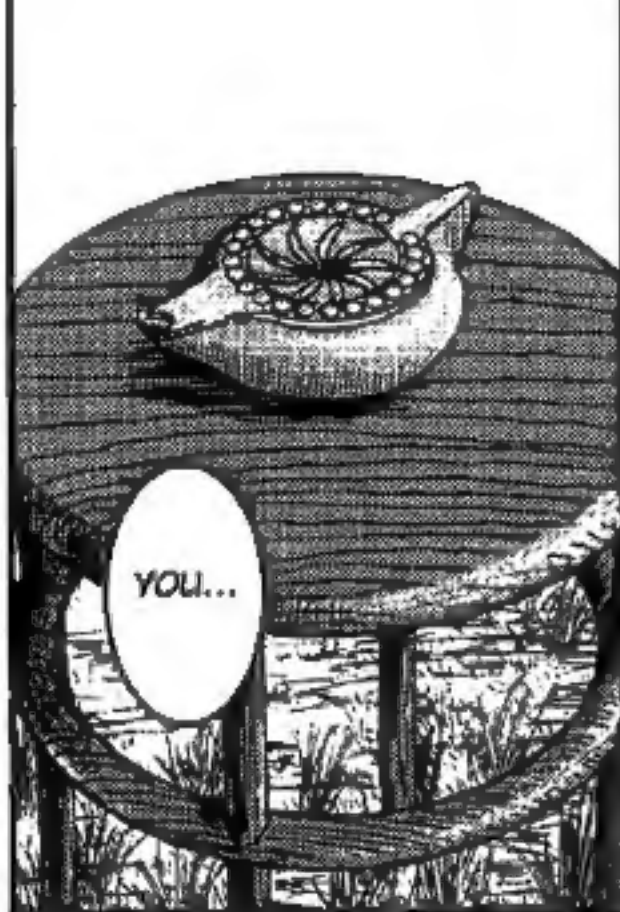
THE LICTORS ARE BODYGUARDS IN ANCIENT ROME, WHOSE TASK WAS TO PROTECT MAGISTRATES.  
12 LICTORS ARE ASSIGNED TO ONE CONSUL.



COME,  
LICTORS!

YES,  
SIR!



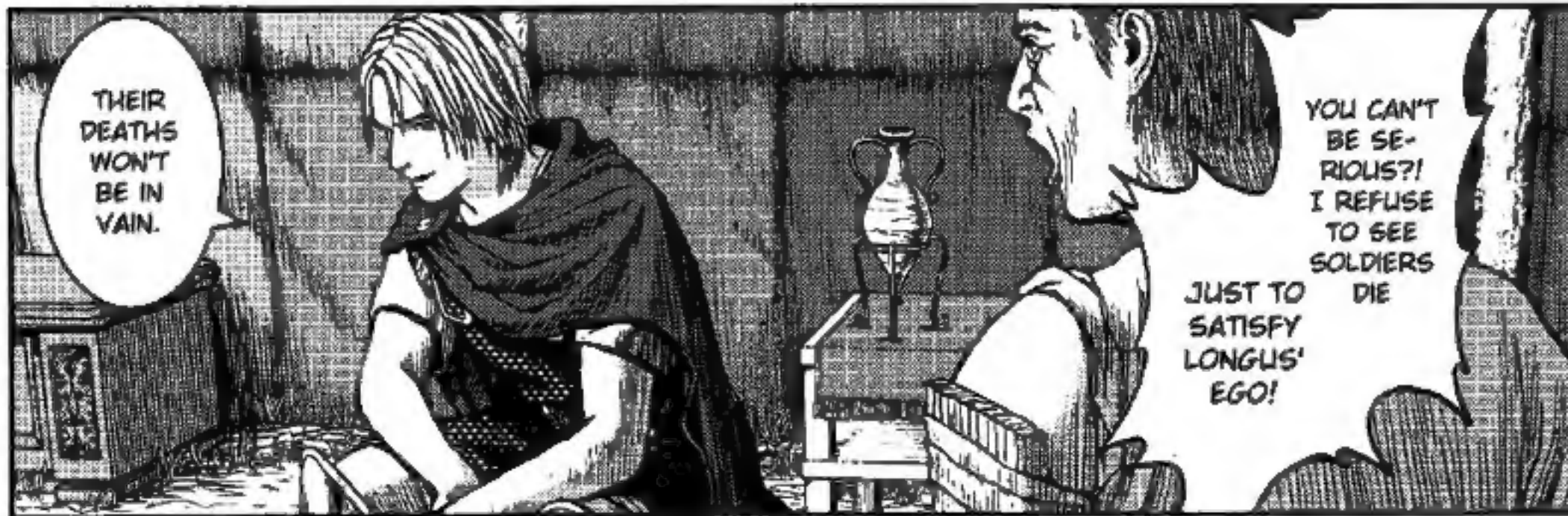


YOU...



I'M ACTUALLY  
CURIOUS ABOUT  
HOW HANNIBAL  
WOULD HANDLE  
HIMSELF AGAINST  
A "REAL" ARMY.

LET HIM  
DO IT...



THEIR  
DEATHS  
WON'T  
BE IN  
VAIN.

YOU CAN'T  
BE SE-  
RIOUS?!  
I REFUSE  
TO SEE  
SOLDIERS  
DIE

JUST TO  
SATISFY  
LONGUS'  
EGO!



IT'S FUTILE  
TO BE IN  
DENIAL. YOU  
KNOW AS  
WELL AS I DO  
THAT OUR  
TROOPS

WON'T COME  
OUT OF THIS  
FIRST CON-  
FRONTATION  
UNSCATHED.



LONGUS  
PROPOSED TO  
GO THROUGH  
THIS FIRST  
CONFRONTA-  
TION; I SAY  
LET HIM DO IT.



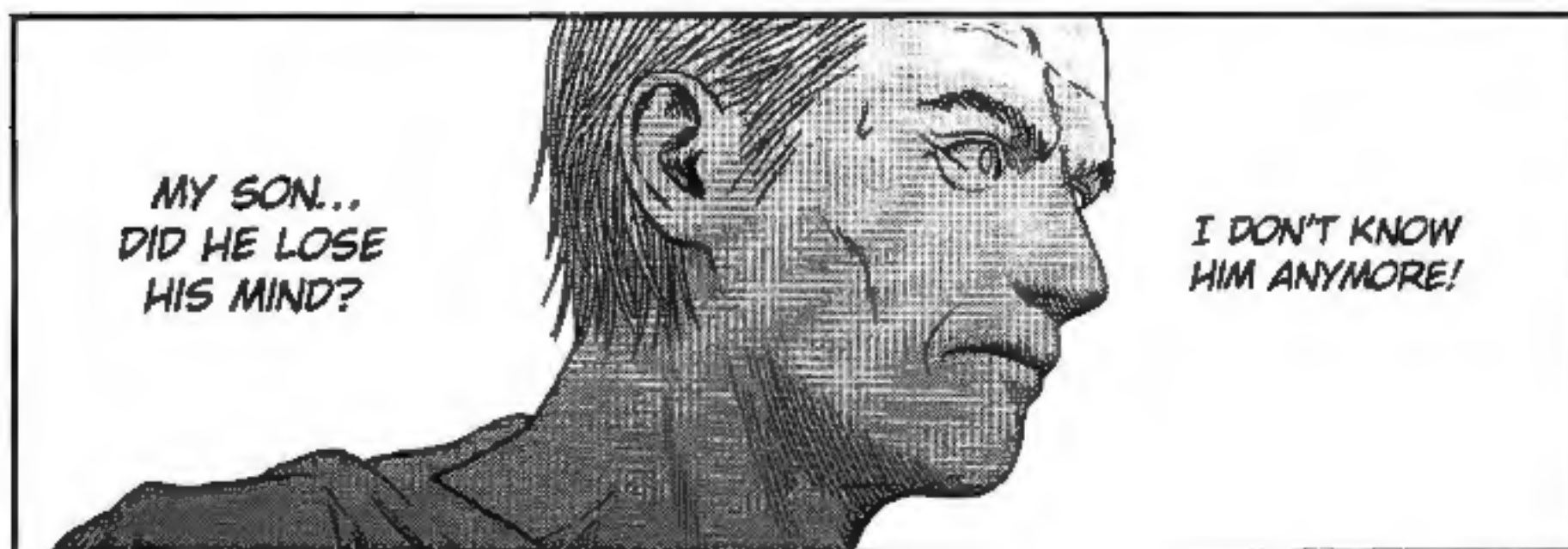
THAN OFFE-  
RING HIM  
FLESH TO  
CUT AND  
BONES TO  
CRUSH.

THERE'S NO  
BETTER WAY  
TO KNOW THE  
CARDS HANNI-  
BAL'S HOL-  
DING









I DON'T KNOW HIM ANYMORE!



OPPOSITE BANK OF  
THE TREBIA RIVER,  
HANNIBAL'S CAMP.





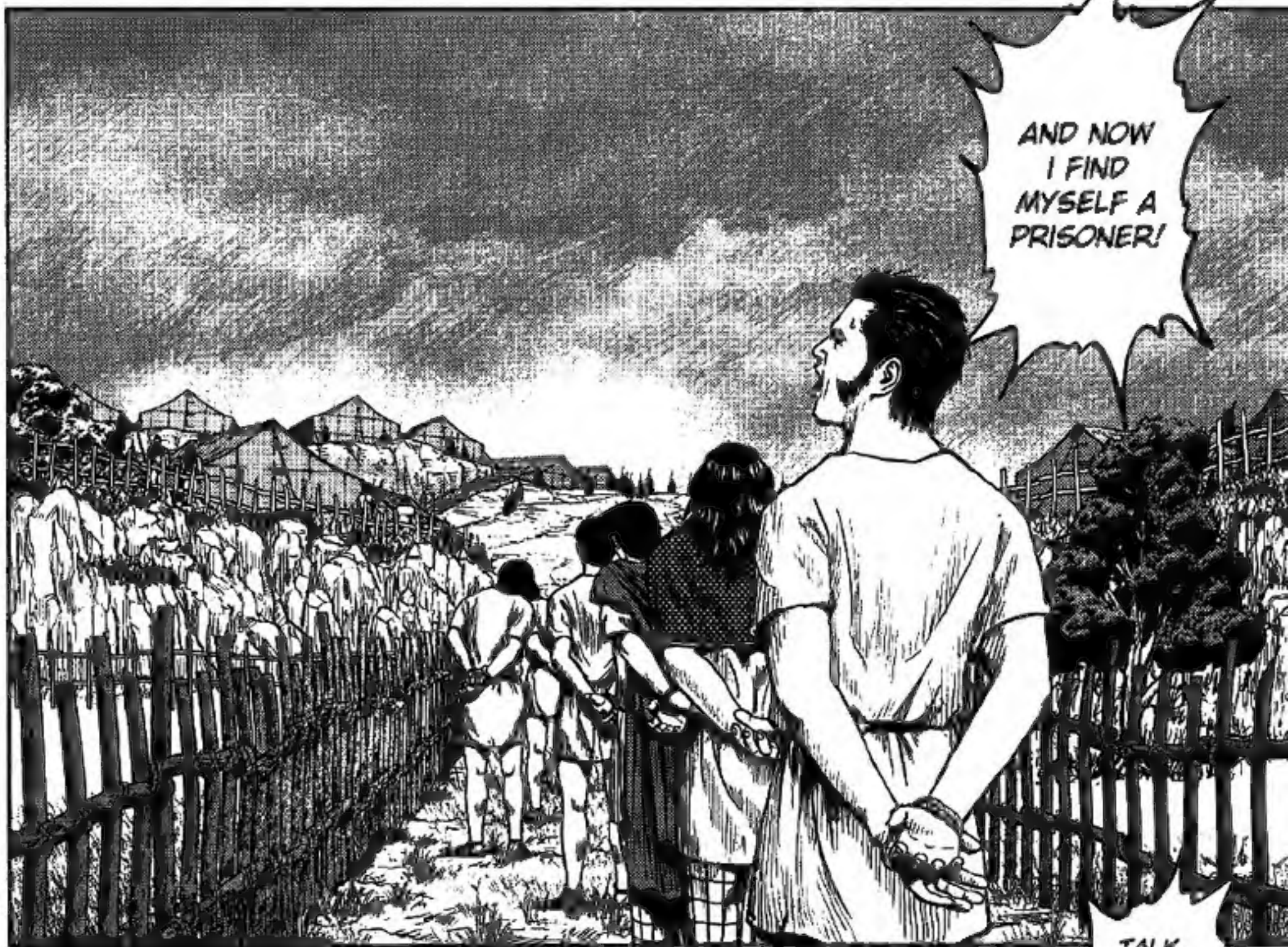
BUT AS  
ALWAYS,  
THE CAVALRY  
HAVE FLED

LEAVING  
THE IN-  
FANTRY AS  
FOOD FOR  
THE ENEMY!

IT WAS  
SMOOTH OF  
HIM TO PLAY  
THE HERO AND  
SAVE HIS  
FATHER FROM  
THE CARTHAGI-  
NIAN CLAWS.



AND NOW  
I FIND  
MYSELF A  
PRISONER!



TALK,  
IF YOU  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO DIE!

STOP!  
I'LL TALK!







BUT  
SEMPRONIUS  
LONGUS WILL  
WITHOUT A  
DOUBT TAKE  
THE BAIT!

CORNELIUS  
SCIPIO IS A  
PRUDENT  
MAN,

IF YOU  
WANT TO FIGHT  
THEM THAT  
MUCH, THEN  
ALL YOU HAVE  
TO DO IS PRO-  
VOKE THEM.



TIBERIUS  
SEMPRONIUS  
IS A MAN WITH  
OVERFLOWING  
AMBITION...

TO HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO BECOME  
A CONSUL IN  
SPITE OF HIS  
PLEBIAN ORIGINS  
IS PROOF!



I'M  
CERTAIN!

FOR  
YOUR OWN  
SAKE,  
I HOPE  
YOU'RE  
TELLING  
THE  
TRUTH.



HMM...  
INTERESTING...



IF HE WANTS  
TO HAVE A  
CHANCE TO  
TRIUMPH IN  
ROME,

HE HAS NO  
OTHER CHOICE  
THAN TO RETURN  
VICTORIOUS  
FROM THIS  
CAMPAIGN.

HOWEVER,  
THE SPRING OF  
HIS MANDATE  
IS COMING TO  
AN END...





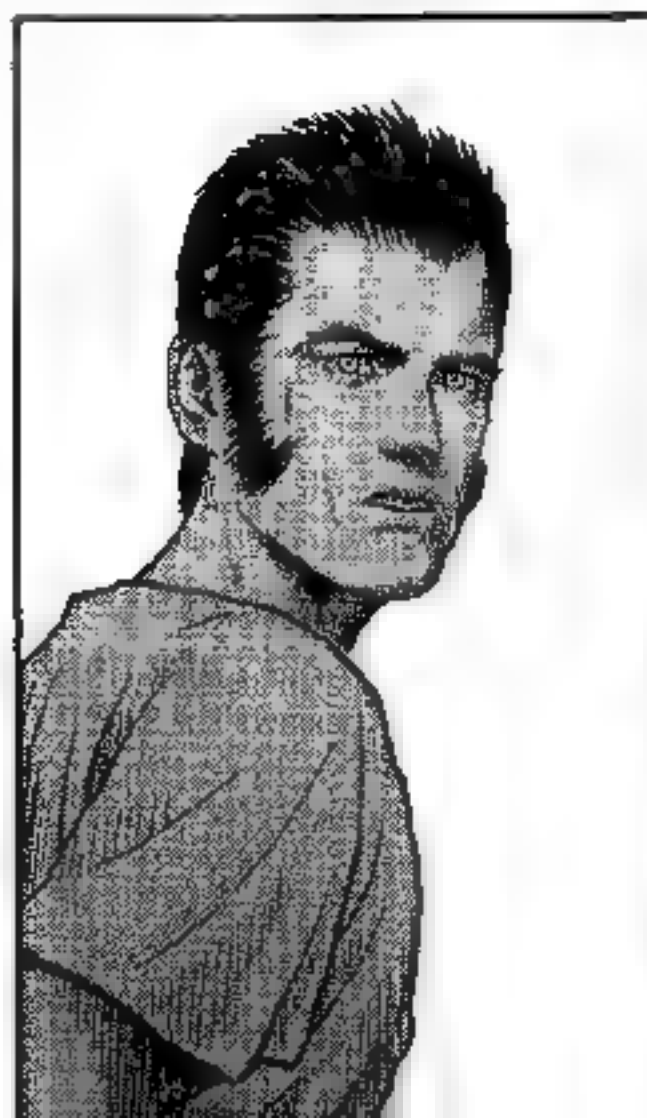
RELAY  
THIS IN-  
FORMA-  
TION TO  
HANNIBAL!



WHAT A COWARD!  
SPINELESS  
COWARDS LIKE  
HIM BRING SHAME  
TO OUR ARMY...

THERE'S A TALKATIVE  
NOBLE BORN!

FOR US,  
CARTHAGI-  
NIANS,  
THE ONLY  
ENEMIES  
ARE THE  
ROMANS!



YOU NEED  
NOT FEAR  
OUR WAR-  
RIORS ANY-  
MORE!

YOU WERE  
THEIR ALLIES,  
BUT AS  
LONG AS YOU  
NO LONGER  
RAISE YOUR  
ARMS  
AGAINST US





I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

WE'RE SAVED?!



YOU ARE FREE.

GO HOME AND SPREAD THE WORD ON WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN HERE.



FREEDOM...



PRAISED BE JUPITER! WE'RE FREE!



NOW, WHO'S NEXT?



WH-WHO ARE YOU?!



HUH?!

YOU MUST NOT SUC-CUMB TO THE TEMP-TATION.



THEY'RE SEPARA-TING THE ROMA AND THEIR ALLIES AT THE END OF THIS LINE...

IF I'VE GOT THIS RIGHT,



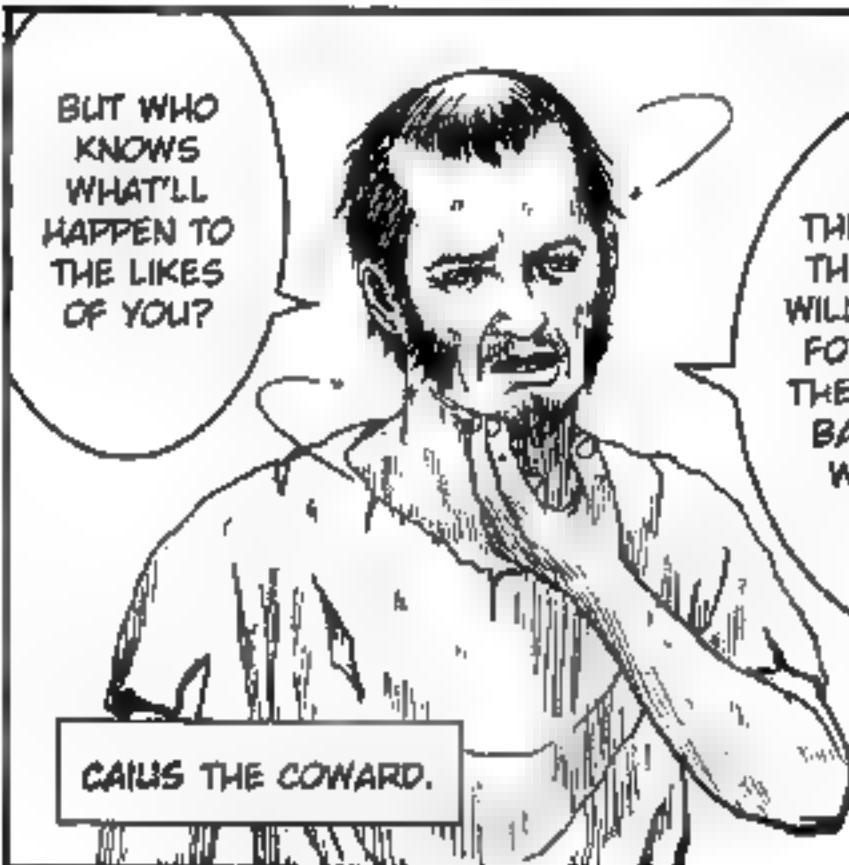


EVEN IF YOU  
CAME FROM A  
MODEST FAMILY,  
YOU'RE STILL  
A FINE ROMAN  
CITIZEN.

IF YOU FLEE  
NOW, WHAT  
WILL BECOME OF  
YOUR DREAM OF  
BEING A CONSUL  
SOMEDAY?

BANISH  
YOUR BAD  
THOUGHTS!

CAIUS THE DIGNIFIED



BUT WHO  
KNOWS  
WHAT'LL  
HAPPEN TO  
THE LIKES  
OF YOU?

CAIUS THE COWARD.

THINK ABOUT IT!  
THE PATRICIANS  
WILL BE SET FREE  
FOR A RANSOM.  
THEN, THEY'LL GO  
BACK TO ROME  
WITHOUT ANY  
WORRIES.

YOU AN  
IDIOT?



DON'T LET  
YOURSELF  
GET TRICKED  
BY THIS DIS-  
HONOURABLE  
MAN!

WHAT?



SLAVERY...



DO YOU WANT  
TO END UP BEING  
SOLD INTO SLAVERY  
TO THE BARBARIANS  
THAT MUCH?

HONESTLY  
..













ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?



SO THERE'S  
NO WAY WE'RE  
KEEPING OUR  
SWORDS IN  
THEIR SHEATHS!

IF WE TAKE  
THE RISK OF  
BETRAYING  
ROME AND  
JOINING YOU

IT'S BECAUSE  
WE ARE READY  
TO CONFRONT  
HER ARMY!



HE'S RIGHT!  
TRUST US!

HUH!

AH!

I WANT TO  
FIGHT TOO!

US TOO, WE  
WANT TO  
SEE ROME  
DEFEATED!

NO SECOND  
THOUGHTS!



HUH?  
NO, I'M  
..

COME ON,  
KEEP  
WALKING



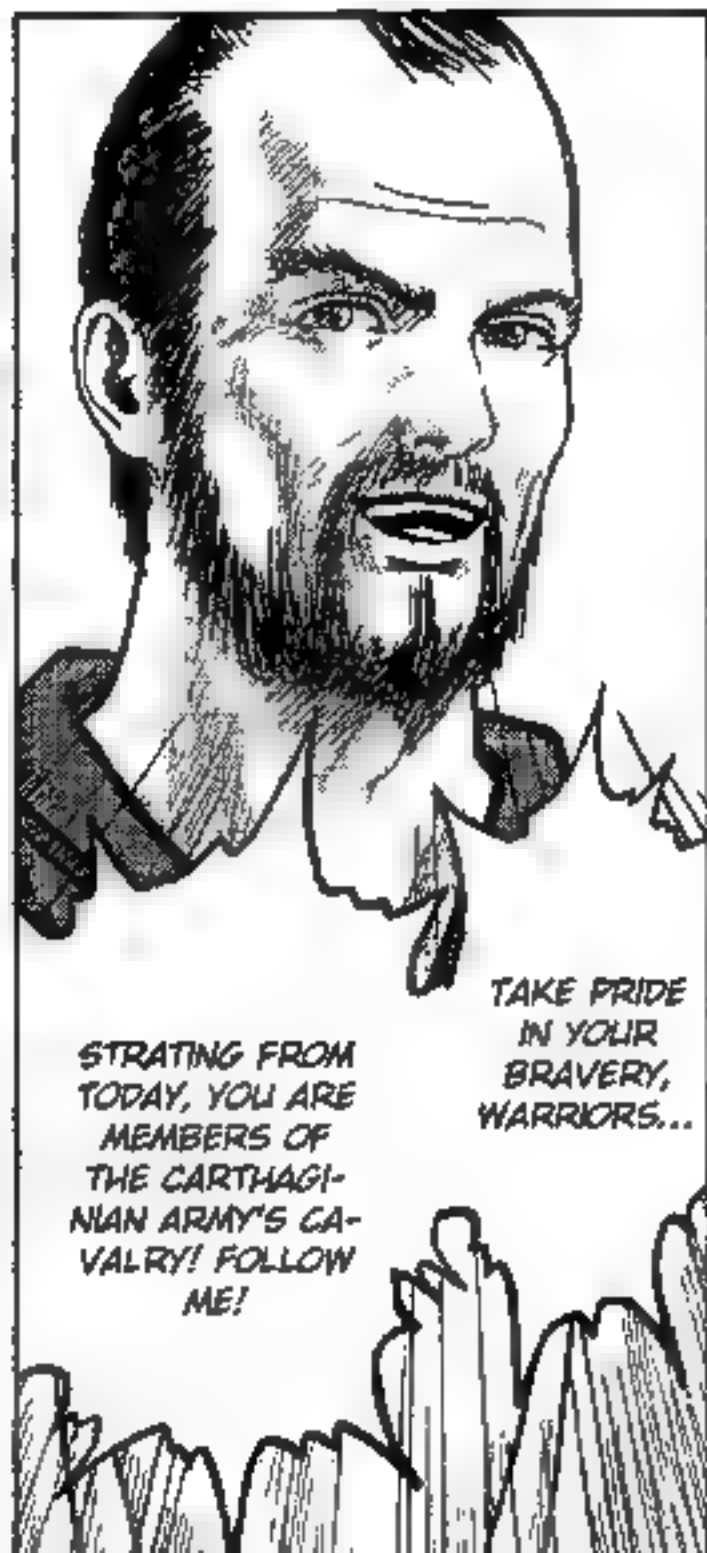
WHAT'S SCARING  
YOU? WE'RE ALL  
GOOD HERE...

WELL, IT'S  
JUST THAT...



STOP  
PUSHING,  
WILL  
YOU?!

I'M TELLING  
YOU T-...



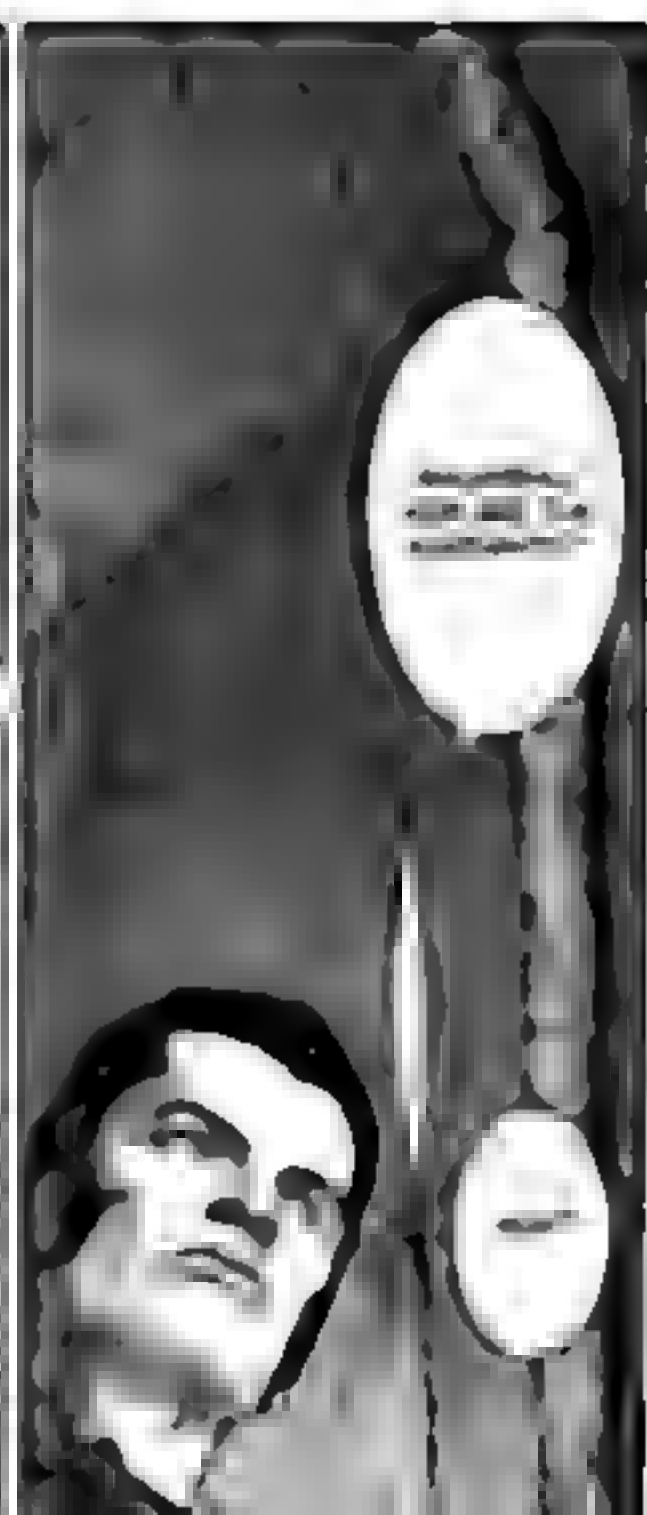
TAKE PRIDE  
IN YOUR  
BRAVERY,  
WARRIORS...

STRATING FROM  
TODAY, YOU ARE  
MEMBERS OF  
THE CARTHAGI-  
NIAN ARMY'S CA-  
VALRY! FOLLOW  
ME!











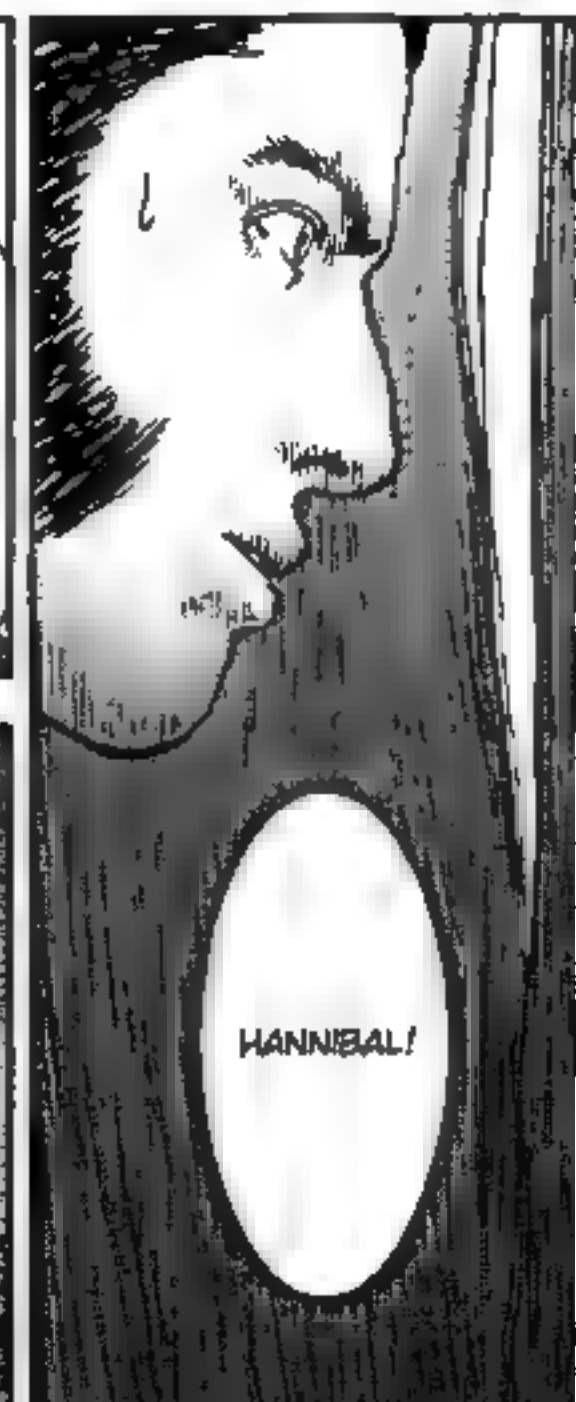


THEIR MERE  
PRESENCE MAY  
BE ENOUGH TO  
MAKE THEM  
FORMIDABLE  
WEAPONS!

IT DOESN'T  
MATTER IF  
THEY'RE NOT  
STRONG  
ENOUGH  
FOR BATTLE!



ARE WE TO  
UNDERSTAND  
THAT WE WILL  
ATTACK SOON?



HANNIBAL!

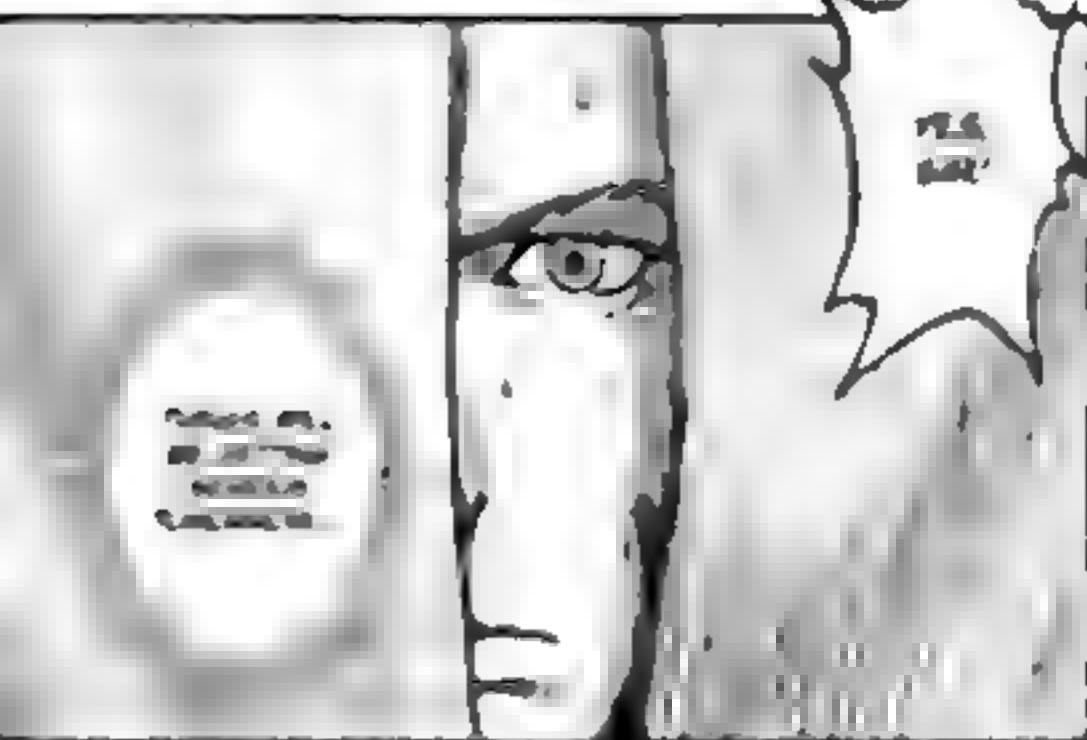


MAKE  
SURE THE  
MEN REST  
WELL UNTIL  
THEN.

WE  
WILL OPEN  
HOSTILITIES  
TOMORROW  
AT DAWN.



THE  
MOUNTAINS  
OF THE  
WEST ARE  
NOT  
TO BE  
FORGOTTEN.



THE  
MOUNTAINS  
OF THE  
WEST ARE  
NOT  
TO BE  
FORGOTTEN.

YES,  
BROTHER.



WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
PLANNED  
NEXT?

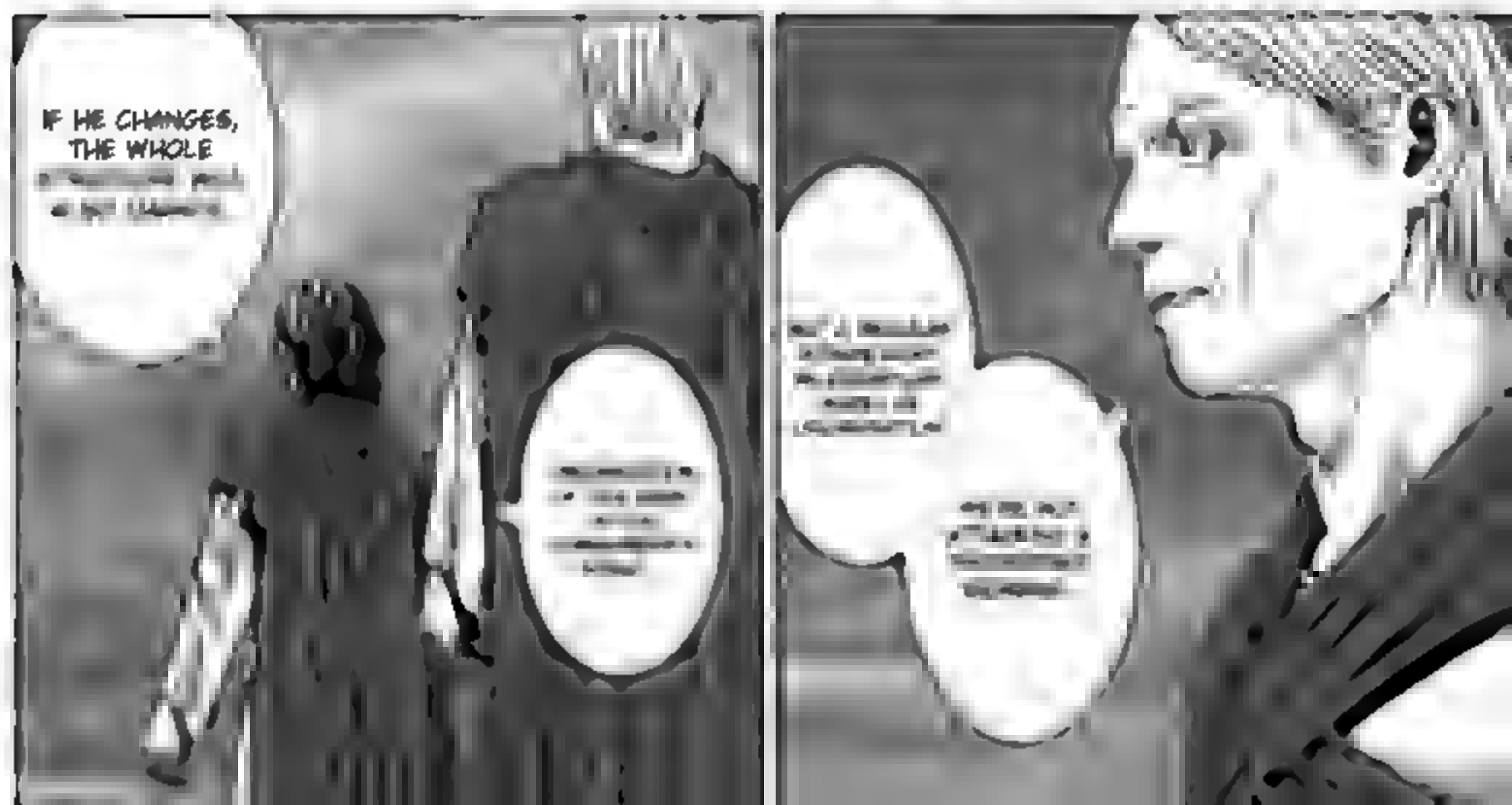


I KNOW.

BROTHER,  
I KNOW  
YOU HAVE  
A PLAN?

THIS TIME, WE  
WILL BE FACING  
HEAVILY-ARMED  
INFANTRY, NOT A  
HANDFUL OF  
CAVALRYMEN.



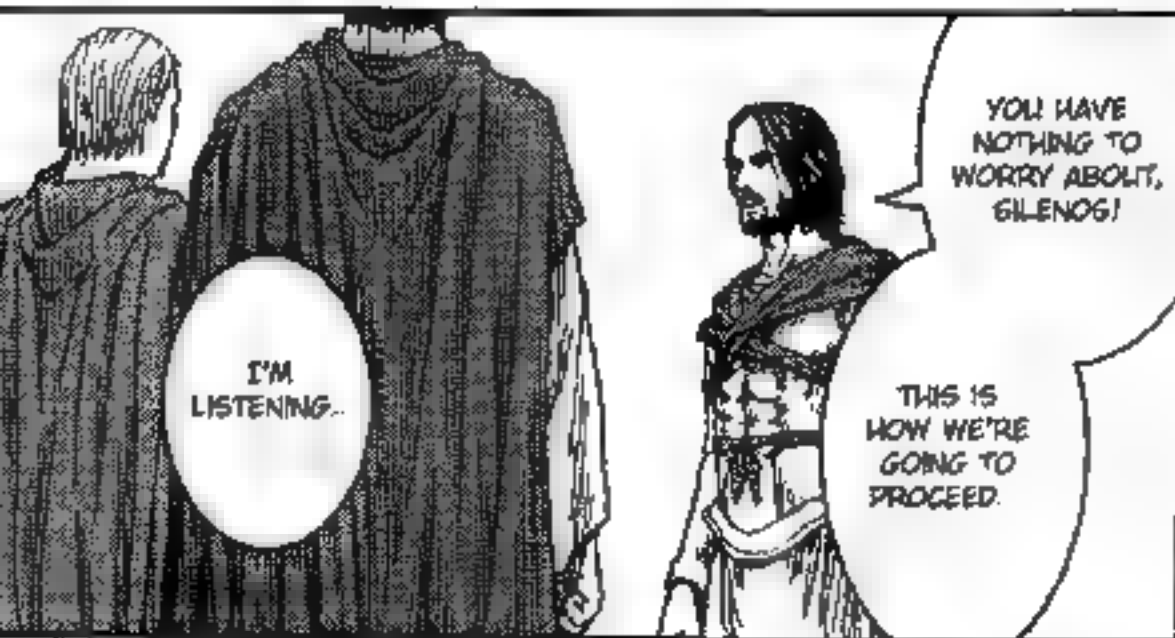




BUT SINCE HE  
IS WOUNDED, IT'S  
THE IMPULSIVE  
SEMPRONIUS  
LONGUS WHOM  
WE HAVE TO  
DEAL WITH.

CORNELIUS  
SCIPIO, AFTER  
REFLECTING ON  
HIS RECENT  
SETBACKS,  
WOULD DEPLOY  
EXTREME PRU-  
DENCE

WHICH WOULD  
DOUBTLESSLY  
PUT MY STRA-  
TEGY AT RISK.



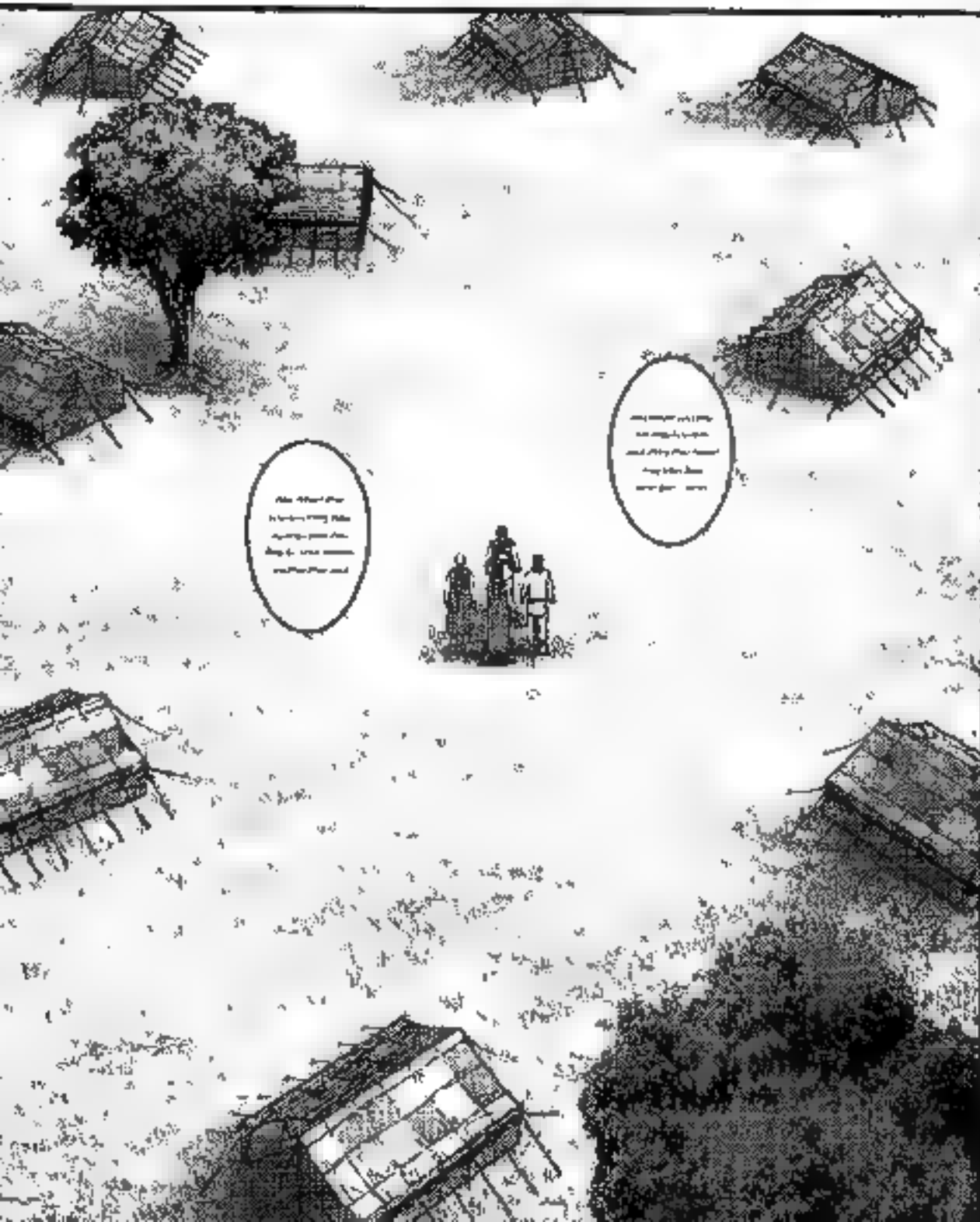
I'M  
LISTENING...

YOU HAVE  
NOTHING TO  
WORRY ABOUT,  
GILENOS!

THIS IS  
HOW WE'RE  
GOING TO  
PROCEED.

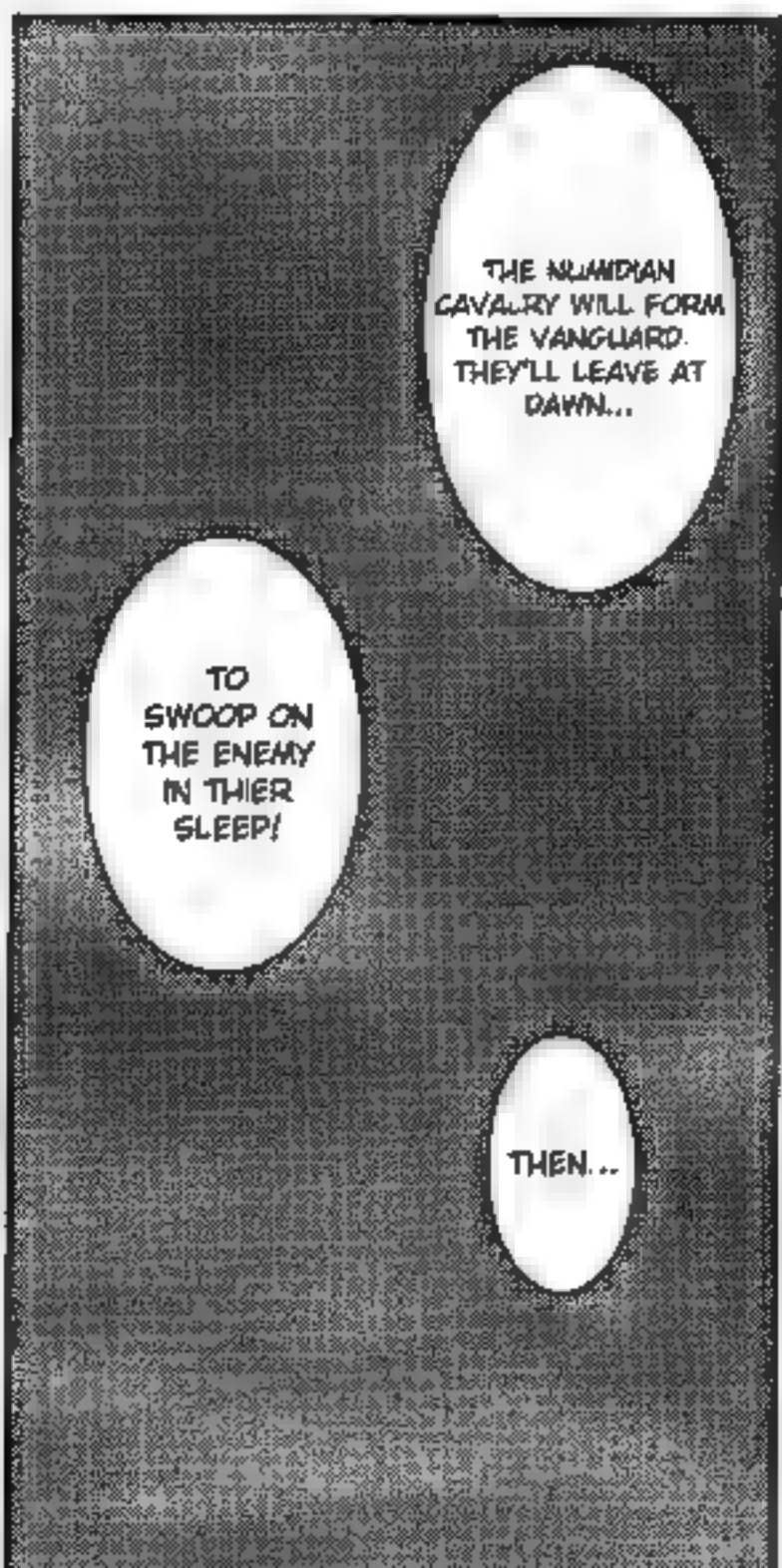


AND NOTHING'S  
EASIER TO  
MANIPULATE THAN  
AN ENEMY THIRSTY  
FOR GLORY AND  
TRIUMPH!



The Roman camp  
is a large, open area  
with many tents and  
a large tree in the  
center.

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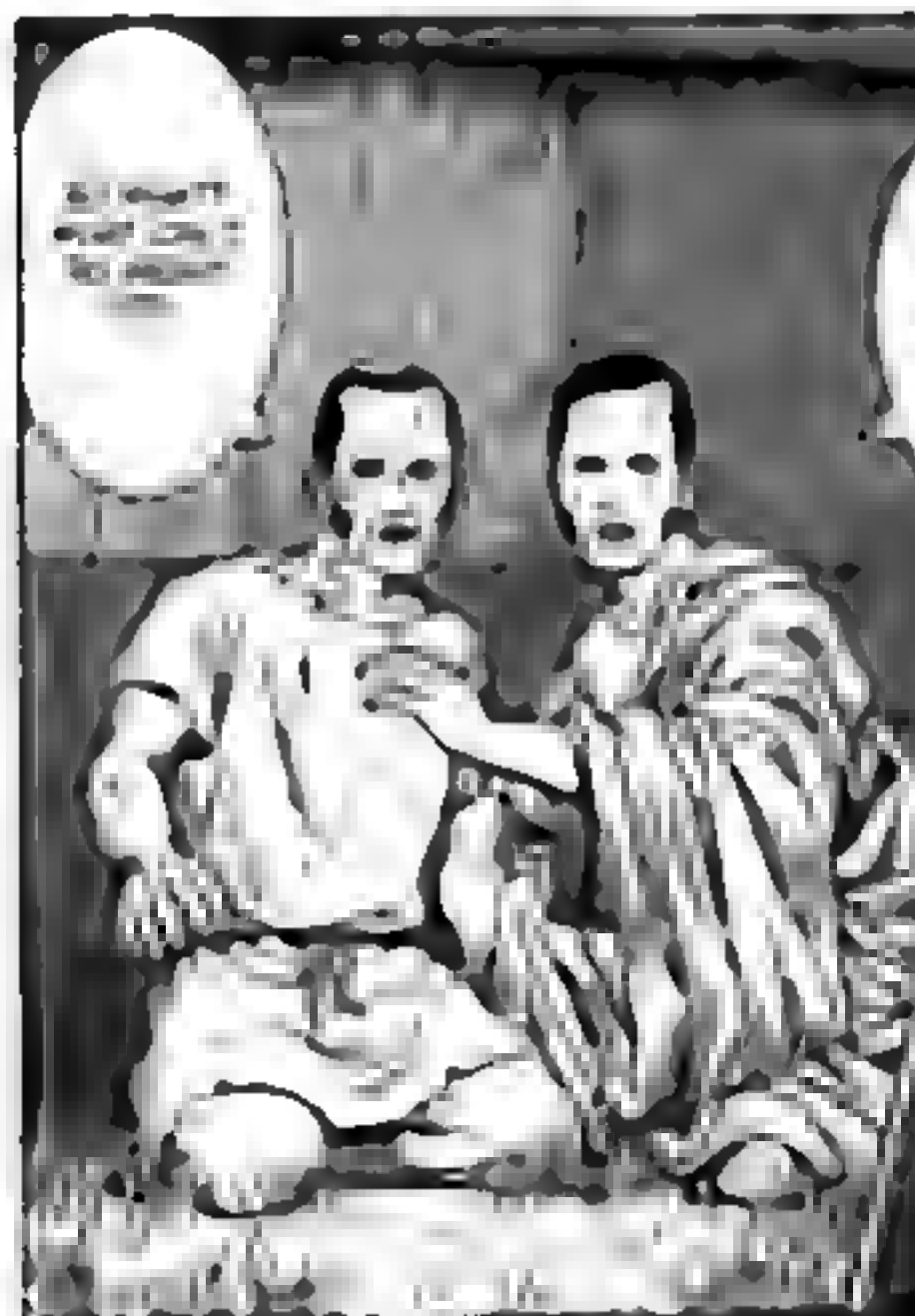
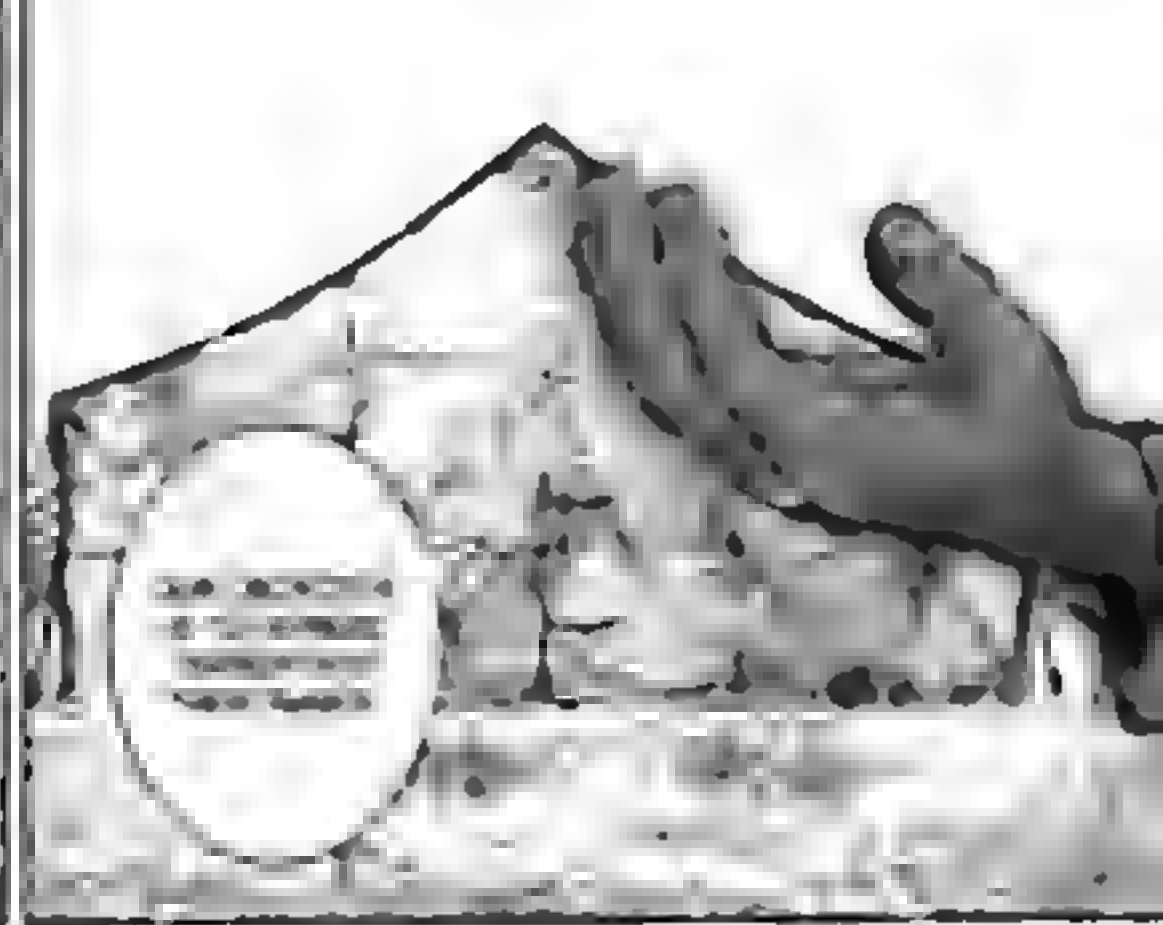
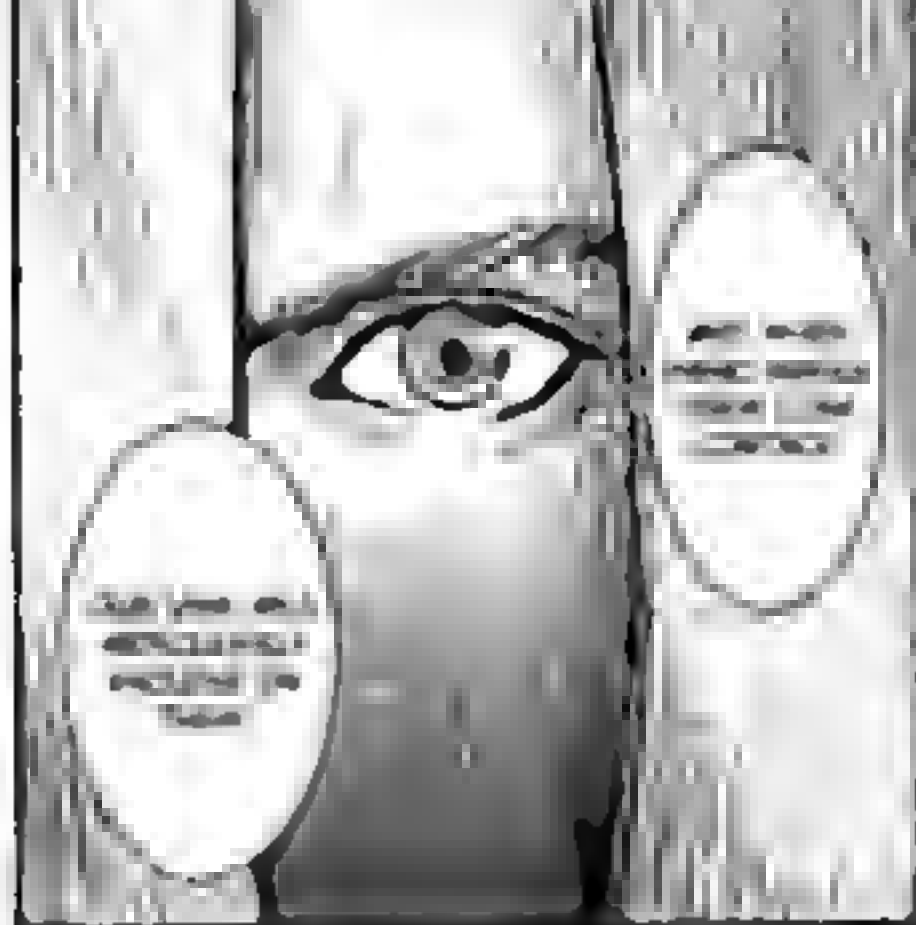


THE NUMIDIAN  
CAVALRY WILL FORM  
THE VANGUARD.  
THEY'LL LEAVE AT  
DAWN...

TO  
SWOOP ON  
THE ENEMY  
IN THEIR  
SLEEP!

THEN...







YOU JUST JOINED, RIGHT? STAY WITH ME I'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU HOW WE FUNCTION.

HUH?  
?



AH... ALL RIGHT.

WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO EAT FIRST

AND TO PREPARE FOR BATTLE TOMORROW AT DAWN!

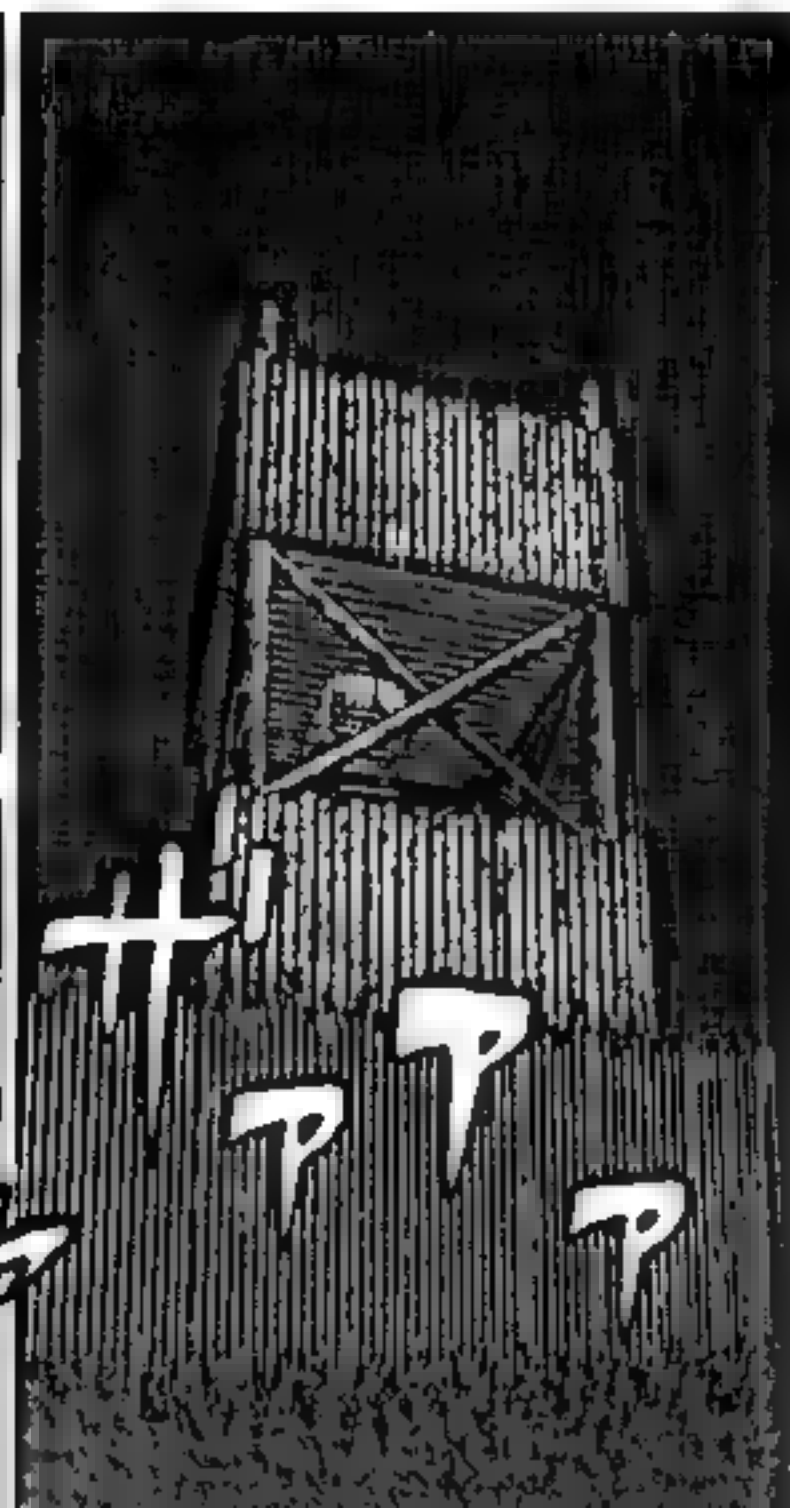


HAHAHA!

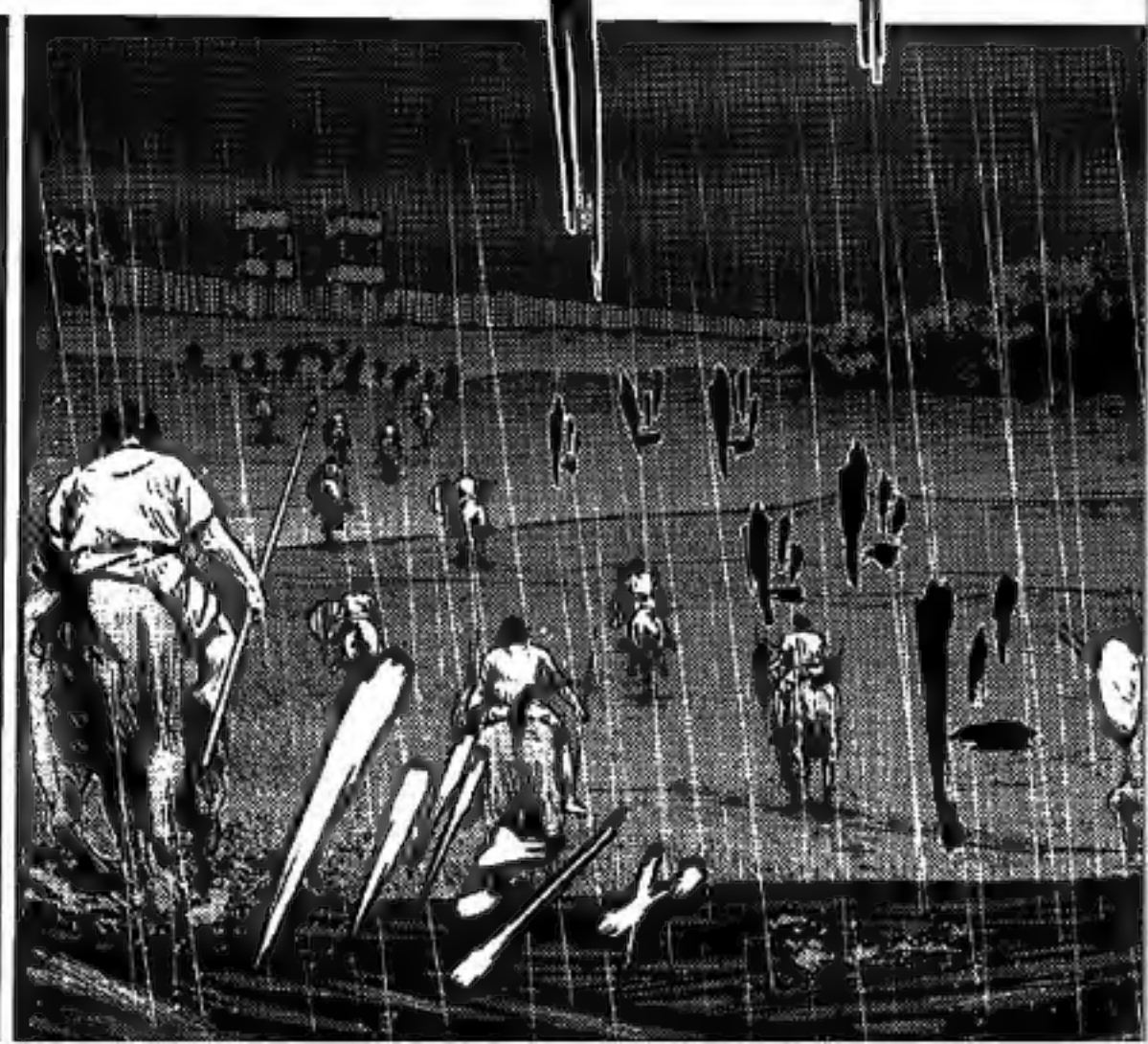
IT'S A CATASTROPHE



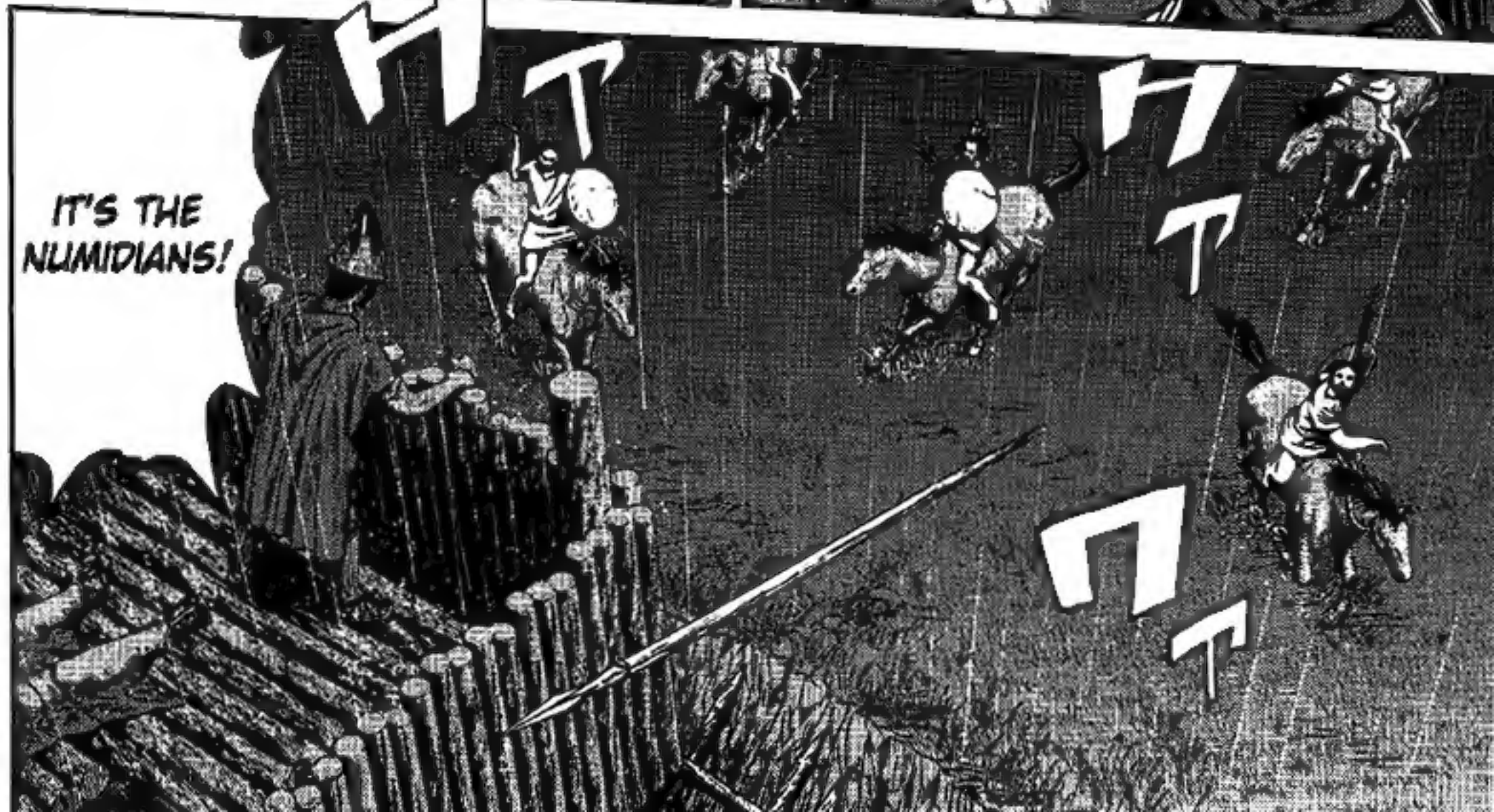
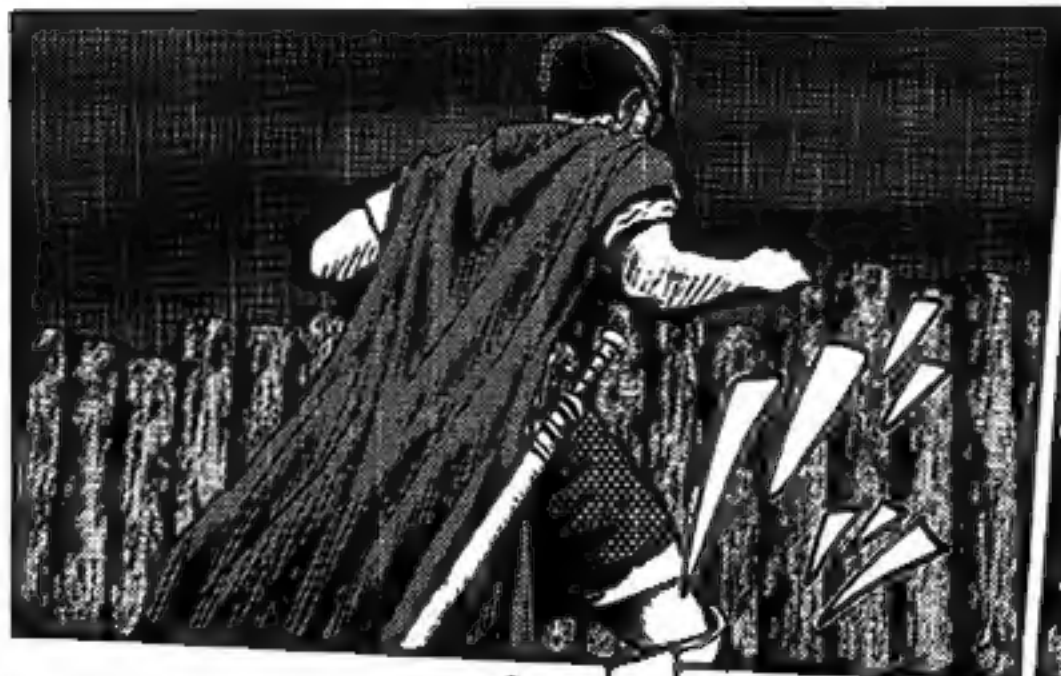
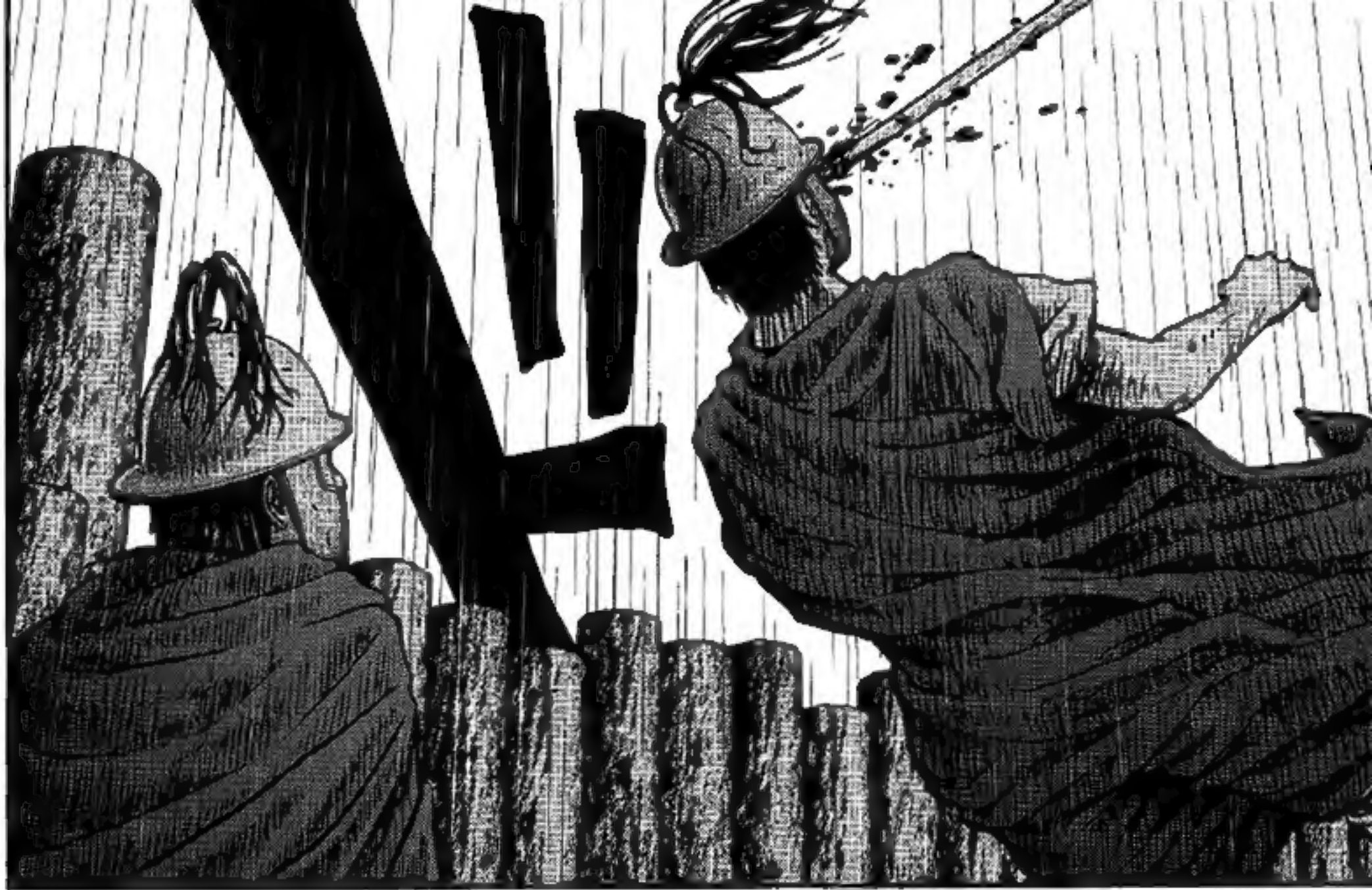
DAMN IT, WE'RE FREEZING OUT HERE!

















ALERT!  
THE NUMIDIANS ARE  
ATTACKING US!




THEY'RE FINALLY  
HERE...



ALERT!  
TO ARMS!

ONE CAN'T  
GET ANY  
GOOD SLEEP  
AROUND  
HERE!



MAKE  
WASTE!

EVERYONE  
TAKE YOUR  
POSITIONS!  
WE'RE GOING  
TO CRUSH  
THOSE VER-  
MINS!

襲てくる者は  
叩き起こせ!



